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In re application of

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Group 1725

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METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR CONTINUOUS
CASTING OF METALS

AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

January 25, 2007

Sir:

In response to the Official Action of September 26, 2006, for which the period for response has been extended one month, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.

An **Appendix** is attached which follows the signature page of this paper.